



RESPONSES from Comment Form

Open Houses - September 2006

Please comment on any Area of Concern or Transportation Issue you may have and would like addressed in the review of the DRAFT 2030 Long Range Transportation Plan. All comments will be delivered to the Lincoln-Lancaster County Planning Commission for consideration in their deliberations in developing a recommended 2030 Long Range Transportation Plan. Clearly state your remarks in the space below, use the Planning Comment Board or mail your comments directly to the Planning Commission prior to the Public Hearing scheduled for October 18, 2006.

Don't widen internal streets

- Don't widen 27th, 40th, 48th or 56th Street!
- Use 2 lanes & turn lane only in older neighborhoods.
- I would like to see 27th Street left as it is. There are many old homes that would have to be demolished and families displaced if the street were widened. The congestion problems are not proportionate to the amount of trouble and suffering it would cause for many people forced to move out of their old beautiful homes. I don't feel the traffic problem at this location merits the change. Thank you for your consideration.
- As a new resident of the "Country Club" neighborhood (a jewel of Lincoln), I just wanted to add my voice to my neighbors' voices that we feel our neighborhood would be adversely impacted by any future consideration of street widening in the 27th/Van Dorn area. This is not currently on your draft proposals and I would request that it not be considered (as I understand it has in the past.) Thank you.
- I am not in favor of widening roads throughout neighborhoods in Lincoln, especially 27th Street as this is a historic district.
- DO NOT widen S. 27th St. DO NOT destroy a neighborhood to reduce crosstown trip by 2 minutes. LEAVE S. 27th St. in current 2+1 configuration.
- DO NOT widen Van Dorn, same as above.
- I strongly endorse the plan to continue/expand the 2+1 system for arterial streets in urban Lincoln. Sacrificing established neighborhoods is not an acceptable alternative as Lincoln grows.
- I do not think that 27th or 40th should be made wider. The character of the neighborhoods will be ruined. Character and a strong core neighborhood is more important than saving a couple of minutes driving. Investment in the neighborhood will diminish.
- I am pleased to see there are no plans to widen 27th just north of Hwy. 2. I am satisfied with the current roadway and how it carries traffic.
- No matter how wide 27th Street gets, there are still 13 traffic lights between O Street and Hwy. 2 – traffic will not move any faster as it gets wider. Dig up 27th and make it for bikes and futuristic commuter trains only. Thanks.
- I have lived on Plymouth Avenue since 1988. My comments pertain to not only the immediate Country Club Neighborhood that surrounds my home, but also any and all historic neighborhoods in Lincoln. I am strongly in support of the existing two lane and center lane concept whenever it is necessary to widen old historic roads. My reasons are: 1) we have an ethical responsibility to respect and preserve what our forefathers had planned out; 2) New

neighborhoods can be planned with more foresight because we now know what kind of space we will need in the future. We should not force the historic neighborhoods into that concept. Our lives and neighborhoods will be more interesting and more viable if we can find ways to design for old concepts and new concepts to mesh in a creative way; 3) I was raised in a beautiful historic town in Southern Germany before immigrating to the USA and becoming a citizen. The town's name is "Bad Urach". It is near Stuttgart and Munchen. The market place downtown has old bricks from 1400-1500 and homes and stores that are also 600+ years old. All buildings and brick surfaces have been beautifully restored. They draw tourism and boost the local economy. As of 2004, the market place in Bad Urach, Germany has been roped off, and only foot traffic is allowed inside the area. People can sit in front of cafes and socialize without having to worry about getting run over by cars. I would envision our Haymarket area in Lincoln to eventually become "car-free" like in my German hometown. It is just one example of how the old can beautifully co-exist with the new and create a more attractive city.

- I simply want to register how important I think it is to keep 27th through the Country Club Neighborhood 3 lanes. It would radically alter the neighborhood to expand it to 5 lanes. Thanks for the Open House!
- Support 2+1 lanes in older neighborhoods. Don't widen streets in older areas. Preserve neighborhoods.
- 2+1 center turn lanes!
- We live on S. 27th Street and would like to see that any planning efforts take into consideration the negative impact of increased traffic levels to established traditional neighborhoods. We are seeing development of new areas; i.e. Falbrook & Village Gardens aimed at recreating an urban neighborhood feel. Let's preserve the real thing.
- Respect neighborhoods - quit widening
- Stick with the 2+1 lanes plan

More bike trails/bike lanes/pedestrian facilities

- I would love to see more bike trails and lanes throughout the city. They would be especially appreciated by the bike commuters who are helping keep the city clean by riding to their destinations.
- Also would appreciate a pedestrian crossing of 27th somewhere between Woods & Van Dorn
- More sidewalk repair money budgeted
- European style bike lanes through downtown
- Better bicycle parking
- Ped overpass for kids over Superior about 24th
- More trees between sidewalk and curb, better landscaping on streets, more pedestrian amenities
- More school crossings for kids

Improve transit services

- I would also like to see a more efficient, effective and user-friendly public transportation system. More people would use it if these changes were made and again, emissions in our city would be down.
- Better transit with evening and weekend buses
- Better marketing to get people on buses (i.e. keep ride-for-five!, target UNL students as well)
- Commuter rail to Omaha, electric rail lines connecting parts of Lincoln

Improve street system to help traffic

- NE Hwy #2 is too congested with trucks. We need to get going on an out belt for trucks.
- Further work on major interchanges is needed (such as timing of lights, additional turn lanes, under/overpasses) as these are generally the primary source of congestion, not street width
- South 13th - have it continue going north to "O" Street
- Take advantage of the grid system and disperse traffic
- Finalize South and East beltway instead of destroying neighborhoods
- Better synchronized traffic lights

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